

weight gain and metabolic syndrome in adult women.

For infants, not being breastfed is associated with infectious illnesses such as pneumonia, ear infections, gastroenteritis, and can increase the risk of developing childhood-onset obesity, type 1 and 2 diabetes, leukemia and AIDS.

This bill will ensure that mothers will no longer be forced to choose between their own health, their infant's health, and their income.

This includes individuals like Melissa Hodgkins, who has had to bring suit against her employer simply to provide workers with a clean, private place and breaks to breast pump at work.

Her coworkers were often of losing their paychecks to ask the airline to accommodate them; in fact, when some of her coworkers did ask for breaks and a place to pump, her employer actually prohibited them from pumping at work, and even forced them off the job without a paycheck.

The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act will stop such bad actions by employers and alleviate the disparities that currently exist between breastfeeding employees and their coworkers, sending a clear message that the workforce will protect and support women who opt to balance a career and motherhood.

For these reasons, I encourage all Members to support H.R. 3110, the "Pump for Nursing Mothers Act."

HONORING CHARLOTTE WINKKY IN CELEBRATION OF HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Charlotte Winkky in celebration of her eightieth birthday.

Charlotte, daughter of Max and Gertrud Sommerfeld, was born on October 24, 1941 in Hamburg, Germany and came to the United States with her parents in 1949 as a "displaced person". Charlotte's father was a Holocaust survivor, and the family was given the opportunity to start a new life in America. Charlotte and her family arrived in Boston, Massachusetts in August of 1949 and then relocated to Newburgh, New York.

Charlotte graduated from Newburg Free Academy and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from New York State College at Cortland where she met her husband, Bill Winkky. Charlotte went on to earn her Master of Science Degree from Elmira College and thereafter, in 1960, Charlotte became a proud Naturalized Citizen.

On June 23, 1963, Charlotte and Bill were married in New Windsor, New York and have spent fifty-eight joyful years together. Bill and Charlotte have a son and daughter who have gifted them with six wonderful grandchildren.

Charlotte taught school for thirty-two years in Horseheads, New York and is active in numerous organizations including as a charter and sustaining member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She was a Chemung County Election Inspector for fourteen years and volunteers for the Cancer Society and local nature center. She is also a

member of B'nai B'rith International and League of Women Voters.

In her eighty years of life, Charlotte has been a teacher, a friend, a volunteer, a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who is deserving of recognition.

It has been my utmost pleasure to personally know Charlotte for decades and to see her dedication to her community, but even more importantly, the love and dedication she has for her family and friends.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Charlotte Winkky on her eightieth birthday.

HONORING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS (JWV) DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) Department of Minnesota as members celebrate their 75th anniversary year. For three quarters of a century, the Minnesota JWV has been the premier voice for Jewish uniformed service members and veterans in Minnesota, upholding the national organization's mission to affirm the heroic and honorable service of Jewish veterans and fight against anti-Semitism.

The national organization, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, was founded by a group of 63 Jewish veterans of the Civil War in 1896 in response to a series of anti-Semitic comments made about Jewish service in the war. JWV is the oldest congressionally chartered veterans' organization and has grown to include over 15,000 members across the country. Saint Paul Post 162 is led by Commander Jim Hassing and was founded in 1938 by World War I veterans as the first Jewish War Veteran Post in Minnesota. In the following years, the official Jewish War Veterans Department of Minnesota was created and today is home to two other posts; the Nilva-Dansky-Neff Post 331, led by Commander Ben Weisbuch, and the Abrahamson-Biglow-Spector Post 354, led by Commander Stewart Mednick.

Throughout its history, the JWV has gone above and beyond fighting anti-Semitism through their many avenues of service to veterans and their families. They helped to establish the Jewish chaplaincy within the military and fought for the inclusion of grave markers, including the Star of David, in veteran's cemeteries. They have stood up against the rise of Nazi Germany, campaigned for religious and racial protections in the 1944 GI Bill, and helped pass multiple bills that awarded Medals of Honor to Jewish service members. The JWV has also supported active duty servicemembers by sending care packages to troops during World War II, the Vietnam War, and after 9/11, during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also established the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C. to serve as a tribute to the long and proud history of Jewish American military service. More recently, the JWV has been an active supporter for the Global War

on Terrorism Memorial Foundation which would honor the sacrifices made by all those who have served in the nation's longest conflict.

As a congressionally chartered veterans service organization, the Jewish War Veterans Department of Minnesota is one of nine organizations that make up the Minnesota Commanders' Task Force, a group created in 1988 that meets regularly to discuss issues affecting veterans and their families across the state. The Minnesota JWV provides an important voice to this group as they act as advisory board to the Minnesota Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and work to develop a unified Minnesota Veterans Legislative Agenda and establish Veterans programs throughout the state. It has been my distinct pleasure to work with this great organization over the years as a lifetime Auxiliary member of the VFW and the American Legion, and as a State Representative and now as a Member of Congress.

Led today by Commander Lou Michaels, the Jewish War Veterans Department of Minnesota continues to be a valuable advocate for Jewish servicemembers and their families in the state of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing all members of the Jewish War Veterans Department of Minnesota as they celebrate their 75th year of service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT JULIANO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Robert Juliano. My heart breaks over the passing of Robert Juliano, my dear friend that many of us affectionately knew as Cool Bobby J. A longtime labor representative and an unmatched champion of workers, Bob's efforts in Washington, D.C., were guided by his work in the 1960s and 1970s as an elevator operator on the West Side of Chicago.

Bob believed deeply in the power of bipartisanship to protect workers. He came to Washington to serve as a legislative representative for the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union. He served as chairman and vice chairman of the U.S. Government's Travel and Tourism Advisory Board in the 1980s and 1990s.

A fierce advocate in the labor movement and a friend to all—Bob shook hands and became close with some of our nation's top leaders in the fight for labor equality. He worked with UNITE HERE to protect the health care benefits of retired miners and worked on nearly every major piece of labor legislation over the last four decades.

Bob loved telling the story of an event he hosted at his house—"a pizza competition." I brought the best pizza in the country from New Haven, CT, and he brought a deep-dish pizza from Chicago. The way he tells it, deep dish pizza won, but everyone in attendance knows New Haven pizza won by a landslide. Our pizza preferences may have differed, but as children of Italian immigrants, we created an unwavering bond.

I am praying for Bob and send my deepest condolences to his family. May the memory of his legacy and good humor live on, and may he rest in peace.

OPENING OF THE JOSEPH H.
VICARI SENSORY SPACE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, earlier this week in my district in Ocean County, New Jersey, family members, friends, and service providers for children with autism marked the official opening of the Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space inside the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library system.

Like so many worthwhile endeavors across our country, this project had been slowed—but not stopped—by the impact of COVID-19. Originally due to open earlier this year, this Sensory Space is now fully operational and providing a new hub to boost learning experiences for children with autism.

Housed within the heart of the main branch of the county library system, the Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space has been carefully designed and supplied with special learning tools to help develop the senses, encourage communication and social interactions, relieve stress and anxiety, and promote calmness and well-being in children with autism. The Sensory Space offers a comfortable place and sends a positive message to people with varying degrees of sensory processing abilities who might feel inhibited in social environments.

Having toured the new facility this spring with Ocean County Commissioner Joseph Vicari, Ocean County Library Director Susan Quinn and Ocean County Library Commission Chair Ruthanne Scaturro and several dedicated library officials, I am confident that this space will not only serve those who visit exceptionally well, but will also inspire and serve as a model of how a community can expand learning opportunities and accommodate children on the autism spectrum.

The Sensory Space includes such innovative features as:

A touching wall that uses musical sounds, shapes, numbers and colors for visual and auditory stimulation.

A sensory canopy of billowing, magnetic fabrics that create an impression of clouds overhead.

LED illuminators for aid in color recognition, sensory stimulation and visual attention.

An ocean wave ceiling projector, which combines ambient or customizable audio with colorful light effects to enhance relaxation.

A bubble tube calming device that cycles through hundreds of different shades of color.

An LED light table and colorful jigsaw play box, which illustrates the effects of colors and light on everyday objects and passively enhances creative ability.

A fiber optic color-changing light waterfall, providing tactile stimulation through touch and manipulation, and visual impressions of changing, bending lights.

A colorful mat with matching cubes to build color recognition, stimulate imagination, exercise gross motor skills and develop spatial reasoning.

In addition to County Commissioner Vicari, Library Director Quinn and Library Commission Chairwoman Scaturro, other key individuals who must be credited in the development and completion of the space include: Library Commissioner Susan Hutler; Assistant Library Director Sara Siegler; Facilities Manager Joe Cahill; Assistant Facilities Managers Michael Erickson and Barry DePaul; Toms River Branch Chief Librarian Rachel Lavoie-Dohn; Jackson Branch Librarian Wendi Smolowitz; Chair of the Library's Autism Resources Committee, and Administrative Clerk Kelly Nichols.

Nearly twenty-five years ago, Ocean County residents, Bobbie and Billy Gallagher, parents with two small children with autism, reached out to me looking for help and underscoring the fact that the federal government was doing next to nothing in providing support for research, early education intervention and treatments for children with autism. Armed with data and their own research, the Gallaghers helped me win approval of landmark federal legislation, the *ASSURE Act of 2000*—to create a comprehensive federal program to combat autism.

Since then, Congress has enacted three additional comprehensive laws I have written to provide significant federal resources for research, education, and early intervention for children with autism. My most recent law, known as the *Autism CARES Act of 2019*, authorized \$1.8 billion through 2024 for research grants, awareness programs, surveillance, early detection and intervention, parental support and training for health care professionals. And for the first time, my new law will expand federal support to adults with autism.

Over the last two decades, the support systems for children and families with autism has grown nationwide, with many community organizations leading the way.

I am deeply grateful for the innovative, local grassroots efforts here in Ocean County—especially and including the Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space, with its pioneering, state-of-the-art facility that will attract and support individuals with autism and his or her caregivers for many years to come.

SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE
POMPEO FREE IRAN SPEECH

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following remarks by Michael R. Pompeo, former Secretary of State of the United States. Secretary Pompeo addressed the "Support Free Iran, U.S. To Hold Ebrahim Raisi Accountable for the 1988 Massacre" on Monday, September 20, 2021, in Washington, D.C. Below is Secretary Pompeo's speech.

"Thank you all so much. That's an amazing welcome I hope you are as happy after my remarks. I think you will.

Thank you, Amir, for that kind introduction. It is such a blessing for me to be with you all today. It is a special gathering that we can all be together to talk about an enormous threat to the world and to freedom loving people. It's truly an honor.

Since I last spoke to you Ebrahim Raisi was formally installed as Iran's latest so-

called President. You are rightly gathered at this conference with the theme of demanding that he be held accountable for what happened in 1988, the massacre of political prisoners inside of Iran. And I want each of you to know today that I join with you in your cause!

I came to know Raisi when I was the CIA Director. He should be prosecuted; not tomorrow; not next week; not next year. Prosecute him now.

And of course, I will talk more about this. But I support a free Iran! Bless you for staying in the fight.

Make no mistake, Make no mistake. Ebrahim Raisi, himself is personally responsible for the mass execution of thousands of Iranian political prisoners, names of over 5,000 have been published. The bodies of these brave men and women were dumped in unmarked graves. And Because Iran has never, and likely under this regime will never allow an investigation into these killings, we do not know the true number of Iranians who were murdered. But it is almost certainly more than the 5,000 list of names that we have.

Your actions, our actions supporting our love of the Iranian people must begin by holding Ebrahim Raisi accountable for his crimes against humanity. Remember he wasn't an advisor; he wasn't a foot soldier. He was an executioner.

I know there are those in the audience who have family that were killed in Raisi's massacre. Too, some of you have loved one and friends currently imprisoned, in Evin and elsewhere in Iran, and some, who have had loved ones simply disappeared or worse. We will never forget any of them and will pray for you and each of them.

You know this character Ebrahim Raisi is exactly who Khamenei wants as President—someone who will do his bidding. Someone willing to brutalize and slaughter the Iranian people at his command. This is not moving forward. It is moving backwards.

It is only those who are resisting, both inside and out, who provide the hope for Iran. That is why this gathering and the work you do today is so important.

The contrast between a government that serves its people rather than subjugates them is incredibly stark. We can see it. That should be all of our inspiration for freedom for the Iranian people.

It's has been almost eight months since I left office as the Secretary of State. When we left as Secretary of State, Iran was more isolated and the regime as weak than ever. However, I must say I've watched the events of the past weeks and months and I worry that events in Afghanistan and the posture of the current administration are allowing the regime to get "off the mat" and re-strengthen. I know the Iranian people do not want that. That is why we must keep pressure on our representatives to forgo renegotiating the nuclear deal and avoid paying Iran ransom to either re-enter that deal or because they believe it would be a show of "good will." Good will is not something a terrorist regime understands. We must also ensure that advancements in the Iranian nuclear program are strictly monitored, and action taken whether that's by the United States, other western nations or by the IAEA to ensure that they don't just run out the clock on the path not only to a nuclear weapon but to a full nuclear program.

I must say, over the last year or so of the pandemic the Iranian regime has used the coronavirus to continue crackdown on its own citizens. Its actions are not only ignorant but malevolent. They have used the pandemic to extinguish uprisings and subdue the Iranian people. This is totally unacceptable.